

SUMMARY

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Partners:

- inno TSD, France
- European Business and Innovation Centre Network (EBN), Brussels
- International Business Innovation Association (InBIA), US
- European American Enterprise Council (EAEC), US
- INTRASOFT International (INTRA), Luxembourg
- Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação (SPI), Portugal
- Regional Centre for Information and Scientific Development (RCISD), Hungary
- National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA), US

Abstract:

NearUS will establish the Network of Centres of European Research and Innovation as central contact point for support to EU research and innovation actors (start ups, SMEs, universities) seeking collaboration with and in the US. The NearUS Network will include the following entities:

- **One coordination “node” in Europe** (at the European Business and Innovation Centre Network - EBN, Brussels)
- **One coordination “node” in the US** (at the International Business Innovation Association – InBIA)
- **Two physical “landing hubs”**
 - **NearUS West Coast Hub** in San Francisco Bay Area at the European American Enterprise Council
 - **NearUS East Coast Hub** in Boston
- **Five Associate Hubs across the USA**, and plans to expand the NearUS network over four years.

The network will be built on strong existing ties in EU and US and will ensure access to EU organisations from all EU Member States and US actors from all over the US.

A variety of services will be developed and proposed to customers (start ups, companies, researchers) by the Network during a pilot phase, then the centres and

their pilot activity will be evaluated and the activity where necessary optimized so as to ensure the sustainable implementation after the project end.

Services will target Research2Research, Research2Market and Business2Business cooperation, such as matchmaking opportunities, working visits to US organisations, pitching to potential

investors, bootcamps, providing work space, business acceleration programmes. All services will be allocated via an open and transparent selection mechanism.

60 associated partners from EU and US support the NearUS Network, with more associated partners expected in the future.

